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## Former WSJ editor talks about investigative reporting online

Carmen George  
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While journalism is changing in light of the Internet era, good investigative reporting is still as important as ever, said Paul Steiger, former managing editor of the Wall Street Journal.

“Today that system (of traditional journalism) is rapidly shrinking and is in danger of collapse, but it’s being replaced by an emerging system, principally the Internet, which is just as good,” Steiger said Monday night in his lecture at the University Center Theater Monday night.

The lecture, “Finding the New Jeff Coles: Journalism’s Future in the Internet Era,” was the first of an annual lecture series set up in memory of Jeff Cole, a UM School of Journalism graduate and Wall Street Journal aerospace editor and reporter who was killed in a plane crash in 2001.

“He had inexhaustible energy, disarming charm and relentless determination to get the story better, first and right,” Steiger said of Cole. “His skill and sheer ferocity for reporting is something we need to seek out now more than ever.”

Steiger has set out to keep that tradition of good investigative reporting alive online as president and editor-in-chief of ProPublica, an independent non-profit investigative news organization.

He is also chairman of the Committee to Protect Journalists, a New York-based nonprofit organization that supports the rights of journalists and freedom of the press. Steiger has won numerous journalism awards, and Wall Street Journal reporters and editors won 16 Pulitzer Prizes under his leadership. Although the Internet is full of “opinion” blogs and Web pages, there are still “a whole slew of journalists who are actually reporting stuff, smoking stuff out and advancing the base of human knowledge,” he said.

How to keep newsrooms alive to offer this kind of coverage is the next big question.

It’s difficult for many newspapers to charge their readers for online viewing, and advertisements on online newspaper pages generate very little revenue because bigger search sites like Google buy up most of the available ads, he said.



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Paul Steiger, former deputy managing editor for the Wall Street Journal, presented a lecture Monday night in the UC Theater titled “Finding the New Jeff Coles: Journalism in the Internet Era,” as part of the School of Journalism’s inaugural Jeff Cole Distinguished Lecture Series. Jeff Cole, a native of Butte and a graduate of the School of Journalism, worked as an aerospace editor and reporter for the Wall Street Journal before he was killed in a plane crash on assignment in 2001.

Instead of relying solely on these two means of funding, limited government subsidies and non-profit support can help news organizations survive down the road, he said. Cross-subsidies, such as companies that own different businesses as well as a newspaper or magazine, may also be an answer to future print journalism funding problems, he said.

None of these approaches offer a “magic bullet” that will solve recent funding problems, but utilizing a combination of these approaches, or finding new ones, are essential to “bring forth the next generation of Jeff Coles, and they are out there,” he said.

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## Student gets nominated for Board of Regents

Josh Potter  
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Although ASUM senators can select up to three students to nominate for the student regent position, this year they felt they only needed one.

Last Friday, ASUM chose Katie Mazurek to vie for the regent position on the Board of Regents that is left open to one student from the Montana University System every year.

“The Senate just kind of felt that it should put its best foot forward, and Katie was definitely the strongest,” said ASUM President Trevor Hunter.

The 26-year-old Charlevoix, Mich., native graduated from UM in 2006 with a degree in communication studies and is currently in her second year at the UM School of Law.

“She has the undergraduate and graduate experience,” Hunter said. “She can offer

insight on both perspectives.”

Seven members sit on the Board of Regents and govern the Montana University System by setting tuition and overseeing all campus operations, from construction of buildings to the hiring of university presidents.



Katie Mazurek

Mazurek is the daughter-in-law of Montana’s former attorney general, Joe Mazurek, and said she didn’t think about law as a career until she met her husband’s father.

“He was successful in all the venues in life that I wanted to be successful in,” Mazurek said.

After meeting her future husband and his father, she de-

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## Interim registrar in transition

Allison Maier  
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With his departure to Saudi Arabia drawing closer, University of Montana Registrar Dave Micus met with his successor, former Montana Tech Registrar Ed Johnson, to discuss upcoming projects and begin the transition process.

Micus announced in January that he would be leaving his job at UM, which he has held since July 2006, to become registrar of the new King Abdullah University of Science and Technology in Saudi Arabia. Johnson will take over as interim registrar at the end of the month until a permanent replacement is found, a process that is expected to take between four and six months, according to Provost Royce Engstrom.

In a meeting Monday, Micus and Johnson discussed the projects Johnson would inherit. These include preparing for fall 2009 registration and commencement in addition to assembling the new course

catalog. Johnson was also introduced to staff in the Registrar’s Office and Griz Central. On Tuesday, Johnson will attend meetings around campus.

“It’s still a really solid operation here,” Johnson said. “It always has been.”

Johnson worked at Montana Tech in Butte for 18 years and was registrar of the college from December 1994 to October 2006. After that, he spent two years in a registrar position at Fort Lewis College in Colorado. For the past year, he has worked in communications for the Stillwater Mining Co. in Columbus, Mont.

Micus said he plans to leave for his new job sometime in the next couple of weeks. However, Johnson has various travel obligations and won’t take over the post until March 23. In the time between Micus’s departure and Johnson’s arrival, the office staff will handle business, Micus said.

“The staff is more than capable of keeping things running

on a day-to-day basis,” he said.

In recognition of his new job, streamers shaped like palm trees, a cardboard cut-out of a camel and a banner reading “Micus of Arabia” decorate the Registrar’s Office in the Lommasson Center. Micus has said that his move to Saudi Arabia is due to the U.S.’s current economic state and the income he will receive in his new position. He said it isn’t easy to leave Missoula and plans to return some day, though he’s excited about going to Saudi Arabia.

“This is sort of an adventure I can’t pass by,” he said.

The University has not begun the search for a new registrar, because the administration is waiting to first get Johnson settled into his new position, Engstrom said.

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Ed Johnson

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## Editorial Smile! You should be on camera

The recent robberies in the University Center left me wondering what kind of security systems are in place at other universities across the Northwest. I was pleased to discover that at three of the five universities I called, security cameras were installed in their student union buildings. The University of Montana needs to be added to the “yes” list.

The University of Colorado-Boulder, the University of Oregon and Idaho State University all have security cameras, while Montana State and Washington State don’t. At ISU’s Pond Student Union Building, a dispatcher with campus security said 30 to 50 cameras were installed on the exterior and interior of the building. I know it comes down to a money issue on a lot of campuses, including ours, but it’s time that we reprioritize our funds and protect our students and employees as they do at ISU.

These examples give me hope that students across the country will become more accepting of security cameras on campus. I’m sure some will argue that placing 30 surveillance cameras in the UC is invasive and invokes a “Big Brother is watching you” feel, but given the robberies of the UC Market and Jus Chill’n, I think actions speak louder than words.

It’s time for UM to take the necessary steps toward making the UC a safe place for all employees and visitors alike. There are already surveillance cameras in the Market and the Bookstore, but those are private businesses. I want to see cameras monitoring the entrances and exits to the building as well as throughout the atrium. The Fam Cam at the Source is a perfect example of the UC’s capability to handle the technology — but really, unless you want your parents to see you robbing the Source, what good is that video camera?

According to the UM Web site, the UC hosted 1.5 million visitors and more than 7,000 events last year. The building stays open until midnight and is home to four businesses that stay open until 10 p.m. or later. Only the library stays open later than the UC.

The UC needs to increase its security surveillance in this very busy building as a future deterrent before any more crimes happen.

If you support security cameras in the building, let the UC administration know. Student tuition fees fund the building, and associate director of UC administration Liz Roosa Millar said the UC is already exploring options because of the student response they’ve received about the crimes.

Supporting surveillance cameras doesn’t mean you support a fee increase, it means you support the UC’s reprioritization of the current student fee to compensate for the installation of surveillance cameras. And if students don’t put pressure on the issue, it’s going to disappear into the depths of bureaucracy like it probably has in the past.

It’s a viable goal and it can happen with your support. It’s in our hands to encourage the change. The UC wouldn’t be the good institution it is if it didn’t respond to student wants and needs. Let’s all help the UC return to a safe and comfortable environment for many years to come.

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## Want to go to Mexico? Think again

On Feb. 20, the U.S. State Department issued a cautionary travel notice for Americans traveling to Mexico. Turns out, the spring break utopia is not merely defined by beaches, coconut shrimp and free Jose Cuervo shots. The country has a dark side involving at least five major drug cartels that smuggle drugs in and out of the U.S. every day. The problem has been going on for quite some time and now, with an extreme spike of violence, the United States has made a concentrated effort at warning citizens about the less appealing aspects of the popular vacation destination.

The well-intentioned alert reads simply and at times crosses into “no duh” areas by which all responsible travelers already abide. For instance, the alert says, “Common sense precautions such as visiting only legitimate businesses and tourist areas during daylight hours and avoiding areas where prostitution and drug dealing might occur can help ensure that travel to Mexico is safe and enjoyable.” The report also explains that the most dangerous areas of the country are northern border towns such as Tijuana and Ciudad Juarez. According to the report, Tijuana has “experienced public shooting during daylight hours in shopping centers and other public venues.”

Anderson Cooper recently featured Mexican drug cartel violence on 60 Minutes. According to his report, drug cartel workers killed 6,300 people in 2008. Those figures were up double from the previous year. Cartel workers kidnap Mexican police officers, citizens, foreigners and, according to Cooper, saw their heads off with chainsaws purchased from Super Walmart. Mexican mayors have left their towns and moved their families to places such as Texas. The situation

### THERE’S A FLY IN MY BEER By Kelsey Bernius



is, shall we say, nothing to raise a Corona to. And the United States is completely entangled with the problem. Seven hundred individuals were recently arrested in the United States for connections with just one of the major drug cartels. And according to Cooper’s report, 90 percent of the firearms used by the cartels were purchased in the United States.

Most tourist destinations remain safe, according to the report. And let’s be honest, the drug cartels have been at this for longer than we thought. As long as students avoid sketchy areas and don’t choose to riot in demonstrations, a safe trip to Mexico appears entirely possible.

But this has not stopped some universities from issuing their own warnings. The University of Arizona has urged its students to avoid the country all together.

The University of Montana has not released any sort of public statement or stance on the issue. There is no reason for the administration to think that a warning will change students’ travel plans.

President Dennison said, “In this instance, we urge anyone traveling or planning to travel in Mexico to review the State Department notice, talk with knowledgeable people, and to use great care in de-

ciding where and when to travel.”

Pam Smith, a travel agent for Global Travel in Missoula, says she has not received any phone calls that worried her or had to cancel upcoming trips to Mexico. “You just have to be careful and not go out alone at night to places you are unfamiliar with,” Smith said.

UM student Chelsey Bigler will be traveling on a Mexican cruise this spring break. Bigler said she just found out on Sunday about the travel warning when her mother called her, upset after watching the 60 Minutes piece. After a slight pause, Bigler admitted to an initial fear of her trip. “At first I was a little freaked out about the situation, but after I read more and more about where the violence has taken place, I still feel safe going,” Bigler said.

Clearly, Mexican tourism is not at the heart of this issue. Mexican violence as related to drugs should be brought to the forestage of American foreign and domestic policy. We do more than share a boarder with this unstable country. The U.S. also indirectly aids these cartels with our firearms and money. This is the mafia of the 21st Century. Mexico has joined the big boys club of dangerous organized crime and added a complexity in crime prevention that this generation must face. The travel warning was necessary to inform citizens of the situation, but the government and the Obama administration must add this issue to their overflowing plates of concerns if the U.S. has any hope of a stable southern neighbor. No matter how north of the border we live, we should all be very concerned and aware of it.

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U.S. government should follow ASUM's lead

If the CEOs at major Wall Street firms, as well as at major banks and major corporations, would like a model for how to conduct themselves in our time of national economic crisis, they need to look no further than right here on our campus at ASUM. I very much admire the selfless, community-minded decisions that ASUM recently took to reduce their own premium pay rather than have to reduce budgeting for the many important campus groups that ASUM supports. Citing tough financial times, ASUM's business manager, president, and vice president, as well as the ASUM Senate, walked the walk that many in high places in our country only talk. While it's



hard to see hard-working student leaders take cuts in the already relatively low pay they receive for all they do, ASUM has not only helped students and organizations around our campus with its decision, they have also set an example that echoes far and wide. I hope a national news organization picks this up — it would be a fine story for financial and corporate leaders around the country to read right now.

Phil Condon, professor, environmental studies

Madoff seeks to keep pricey penthouse

ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — Bernard Madoff is seeking to keep a \$7 million Manhattan penthouse and an additional \$62 million in assets, saying they are unrelated to the fraud that authorities say cost victims more than \$50 billion.

In court papers filed Monday in U.S. District Court in Manhattan, Madoff and his lawyer claim the apartment, \$45 million in municipal bonds and \$17 million more in a separate account all belong to Madoff's wife, Ruth.

The bonds in an account held by Ruth Madoff at COHMAD Securities Corp. and about \$17 million

held by her in a Wachovia Bank account "are unrelated to the alleged Madoff fraud and only Ruth Madoff has a beneficial interest in these assets," Bernard Madoff and lawyer Ira Sorkin said, according to the papers.

Sorkin declined to comment Monday.

A court-appointed trustee overseeing the liquidation of Madoff's assets has said the apartment and other property used to secure bail was off limits for now. But if there's a conviction, those assets and possibly property of Madoff "insiders" could be seized to help pay claims by alleged victims.

"We are looking at every mem-

ber of the Madoff family," David Sheen, an attorney representing the trustee, said recently regarding the personal property.

The information was contained in an order of consent asking a judge to grant the federal government authority to seek forfeiture of assets involved in any fraud. It was filed in a case brought by the SEC against Madoff.

Trustee Irving H. Picard has said that nearly \$950 million in cash and securities has been recovered for investors so far.

The 70-year-old former Nasdaq chairman has been confined to the Manhattan apartment under house arrest since early December.

Top Michelin-rated restaurants get creative to keep customers

ASSOCIATED PRESS

PARIS — The coveted Michelin stars can make or break a restaurant. But so can an economic crisis.

"It's not caviar every day," the Michelin guide's director said Monday as he urged France's great chefs to invent new ways of keeping customers.

Some of the world's best restaurants are losing business, particularly from corporate clients, and are having to offer cheaper menus, even at the top end, Jean-Luc Naret told The Associated Press.

The Michelin guide celebrated its 100th French edition Monday.

Naret said some restaurants will be forced to explore "new concepts," pointing to New York's upscale Jean Georges restaurant, which is offering 3-star lunchtime cuisine for \$28.

"Those who are too expensive will be forced to reinvent themselves," he said.

However, crisis wasn't on the menu Monday for Le Bristol, where Michelin elevated chef Eric Frechon's restaurant to 3-star status — the only one to receive such an upgrade in this year's guide.

Frechon said his new status should help fill empty dining tables.

"In the past, we used to turn people away. Today we aren't doing that anymore and we're one or two tables short," he told The Associated Press from the kitchen where he spends most of his life, often from 7 a.m. to midnight.

"The third star is welcome because the seats we were missing will be filled tomorrow."

Le Bristol, which opened in 1925, lies just down the street from President Nicolas Sarkozy's Parisian palace.

Frechon, whom Sarkozy decorated with the French Legion of Honor last year, says the president sometimes dines there a couple of times a week, and his favorite dish is the €80 (\$101.15) starter of stuffed macaroni with black truffle, artichoke and duck foie gras.

A native of Normandy, in western France, Frechon describes his menu as traditional French cooking with a modern touch.

To celebrate, Michelin invited Frechon and about 400 guests, including other starred Michelin

chefs, VIPs and artists, to the Musee d'Orsay on Monday evening for an exhibition of 100 alternative guide covers.

Naret, the Michelin director, insisted the three-star rating was not influenced by Sarkozy's culinary preferences.

"It's not because it's a restaurant that (Sarkozy) likes that it was chosen," he said at a news conference in Paris.

Every year, the French culinary world trembles as the industry's biggest names wait to see who will be the winners — and who will fall off their pedestal.

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# Obama releases secret Bush anti-terrorism documents

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WASHINGTON — The Obama administration threw open the curtain on years of Bush-era secrets Monday, revealing anti-terror memos that claimed exceptional search-and-seizure powers and divulging that the CIA destroyed nearly 100 videotapes of interrogations and other treatment of terror suspects.

The Justice Department released nine legal opinions showing that, following the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, the Bush administration determined that certain constitutional rights would not apply during the coming fight. Within two weeks, government lawyers were already discussing ways to wiretap U.S. conversations without warrants.

The Bush administration eventually abandoned many of the legal conclusions, but the documents themselves had been closely held. By releasing them, President Barack Obama continued a house-cleaning of the previous administration's most contentious policies.

"Too often over the past decade, the fight against terrorism has been viewed as a zero-sum battle with our civil liberties," Attorney General Eric Holder said in a speech a few hours before the documents were released. "Not only is that school of thought misguided, I fear that

in actuality it does more harm than good."

The Obama administration also acknowledged in court documents Monday that the CIA destroyed 92 videos involving terror suspects, including interrogations — far more than had been known. Congressional Democrats and other critics have charged that some of the harsh interrogation techniques amounted to torture, a contention President George W. Bush and other Bush officials rejected.

The new administration pledged on Monday to begin turning over documents related to the videos to a federal judge and to make as much information public as possible.

The legal memos written by the Bush administration's Office of Legal Counsel show a government grappling with how to wage war on terrorism in a fast-changing world. The conclusion, reiterated in page after page of documents, was that the president had broad authority to set aside constitutional rights.

Fourth Amendment protections against unwarranted search and seizure, for instance, did not apply in the United States as long as the president was combating terrorism, the Justice Department said in an Oct. 23, 2001 memo.

"First Amendment speech and press rights may also be subordinated to the overriding

need to wage war successfully," Deputy Assistant Attorney General John Yoo wrote, adding later: "The current campaign against terrorism may require even broader exercises of federal power domestically."

On Sept. 25, 2001 Yoo discussed possible changes to the laws governing wiretaps for intelligence gathering. In that memo, he said the government's interest in keeping the nation safe following the terrorist attacks might justify warrantless searches.

That memo did not specifically attempt to justify the government's warrantless wiretapping program, but it provided part of the foundation.

Yoo, now a professor at the University of California at Berkeley School of Law, did not return messages seeking comment. Former Attorney General Alberto Gonzales, who served as White House counsel when many of the memos were written, did not immediately respond to a request for comment made through his attorney.

The memos reflected a belief within the Bush administration that the president had broad powers that could not be checked by Congress or the courts. That stance, in one form or another, became the foundation for many policies: holding detainees at Guantanamo Bay, eavesdropping on U.S. citizens without warrants, using tough new CIA interrogation tactics and locking U.S. citizens in military brigades without charges.

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# Writing Center offers free online tutoring

Allison Maier

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The University of Montana's Writing Center has started offering online tutoring, allowing students to get live feedback on their papers anywhere they have internet access.

"Pretty much everything they can do from their couch," said Kelly Peterson, director of the Writing Center.

The tutoring is available for students enrolled in online courses or "blended courses" like technical writing classes that have both an online and in-class component. Because the tutoring is in its early stages, it isn't open to students who are not taking online courses this semester. The Writing Center is located in the Liberal Arts building, and students in any class can sign up to receive face-to-face tutoring on campus.

"We felt like online students had the right to have access," Peterson said.

The Writing Center opened online tutoring to students a couple of weeks ago, and since then only one student has used it, Peterson said. She's hoping to spread the word.

"It's kind of a cool option and, after all, it's free," she said.

When a student decides to schedule an online tutoring session, he or she must send an e-mail to [onlinetutoring@umontana.edu](mailto:onlinetutoring@umontana.edu). The student will then receive an auto-reply explaining what to do next, including scheduling a tutoring appointment on the Writing Center's Web page.

At the time of the appointment, the student will go to a link on Blackboard that will take him or her to a Web conferencing pro-

gram called Elluminate. Through this program, the student and tutor can have a live tutoring session, communicating either through a live chat similar to instant messaging or by using microphones and headphones. Peterson said most laptops already have a microphone embedded and that headsets cost around \$9.

The Elluminate program also allows both the tutor and the student to have access to a student's word document when the document is open on the student's computer, Peterson said. That way, both the student and tutor can make changes on the student's document.

According to Peterson, while online tutoring is a growing trend among schools, most of the programs have not been live, instead using methods like e-mailing papers back and forth. She said the UM Writing Center wanted to offer a program online that had the same benefits of face-to-face tutoring, in that students would be able to discuss their papers and collaborate with the tutors to make the paper better.

Both online and face-to-face tutoring through the Writing Center are free for students. The money to fund the new online tutoring program came from a grant shared between the Writing Center and UM Online, which organizes the University's online courses, Peterson said. The money from the grant was only needed to pay the two tutors who will help students through the program because Elluminate is free if it is used for conferencing between three or fewer people, Peterson said.

"It's perfect for tutoring because we're just one-on-one," Peterson said.

The online tutoring is meant for any student enrolled in an online course, even if it is not a writing course, Peterson said.

Peterson said it would help benefit students who may not be able to make it to campus.

"It's especially important for students who have very busy lives," she said.

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# Gov. Jindal defends GOP speech criticism

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BATON ROUGE, La. — Widely panned for his national TV address, Louisiana Gov. Bobby Jindal offered his first defense of the speech Monday, saying he sticks by the message, while acknowledging shortcomings in his delivery.

“Look, I get that people thought I could have spoken better. I get that. That’s fine ... What’s important to me is the content. I’m a policy guy. You guys know that. I’ve always been a policy guy, always will be a policy guy. The ideas are important. The substance is important,” Jindal told reporters in the state Capitol, a day after returning from a family vacation.

The 37-year-old governor, regularly touted as a presidential contender, said he outlined a critical philosophical distinction between the views of Democrats and Republicans as he gave the national GOP response to Obama’s first address to Congress last week.

Republican party leaders have touted the Oxford-educated Jindal, son of Indian immigrants, as the future of the GOP, generating lofty expectations for his debut national address. Jindal said he wrote the speech himself.

But the address has been the target of political commentators, comics and bloggers who called it amateurish and out of step with the American public. Some critiqued Jindal’s delivery as too “sing-songy,” and compared it to the late children’s television host Mister Rogers. Some critics asserted the speech — which was many Americans’ first view of Jindal — could have damaged the governor’s long-term political aspirations.

Jindal tried to deflect the criticism Monday and joked that many of Louisiana’s governors have received bad national publicity over the years, in a state often the butt of jokes for corrupt politicians.

“Being compared to Mister Rogers is better than some of

the other comparisons we’ve had here in the past,” Jindal said.

The governor said it was difficult to follow Obama, known for his impressive oratory, and said he tried to slow his pace because of past complaints that Jindal’s rapid-fire speaking style is tough to follow. But he insisted his message was important.

In the speech Tuesday, Jindal criticized Obama’s \$787 billion economic stimulus package as laden with unnecessary spending added by a Democratic Congress. He talked of the need to cut taxes and limit government spending at a time when polls show a majority of Americans are looking to the federal government to reverse the economic downturn.

Jindal defended those positions again Monday, despite criticism from political commentators — both Democratic and Republican — that the speech was too simplistic and offered few new ideas for battling the country’s economic woes.

“Our children and grandchildren have to pay that debt back. It’s important to get control of that spending in Washington,” he said.

Jindal called “a diversion” the claims that his criticism of government spending was hypocritical because he continues to push for hurricane recovery spending, particularly money to repair levees in the New Orleans area damaged by Hurricane Katrina in 2005.

The governor said the federal government failed to design and build the levees properly, so the federal government should repair them to the promised standard and help the state recover from the resulting damage.

“I think that is a simple concept: You break it, you buy it,” Jindal said.

And despite the repeated criticism over the last week, the Louisiana governor refused any suggestion he might hire a speechwriter.

# Ousted Illinois governor signs 6-figure book deal

ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHICAGO — Rod Blagojevich, the first U.S. governor in more than 20 years to be removed from office by impeachment, signed a deal Monday to write a book “exposing the dark side of politics,” his publicist said.

Blagojevich signed a “six-figure” deal to write a book for Phoenix Books, to be released in October, publicist Glenn Selig said in a news release.

Selig said the former governor “plans on exposing the dark side of politics that he witnessed in both the state and national level.”

Blagojevich “does not intend to pull any punches and will reveal information and provide insights that will at times be embarrassing to himself as well as to others,” according to Selig’s release.

Blagojevich was ousted in January after his Dec. 9 arrest by federal authorities on corruption charges that include allegations he tried to sell President Barack Obama’s vacant U.S. Senate seat. He denies any wrongdoing.

The former governor will write about his rise in politics, including his election to Congress and his election and re-election as governor, Selig said. The former governor also promises to detail discussions and other factors that ultimately led him — three weeks after his arrest — to name Roland Burris to the Senate seat.

Blagojevich was the first gov-

ernor removed from office in Illinois history and the first in the U.S. since Arizona’s Evan Mecham in 1988.

He said in a radio interview last month that he wanted to write about “the phoniness and hypocrisy” of the politicians who run state government, but he didn’t allege the sort of pay-to-play crimes he is accused of committing.

“A bunch of them are cheating on their spouses, a lot of them drink in excess, very few of them know what’s going on, they just take their marching orders from legislative leaders,” he said.

Steven Miller, former chief of special prosecutions in the U.S. attorney’s office, said that any defendant who writes a book “would be well advised to have his attorney screen the book to make sure there were no admissions that could be used against him at a trial.”

Told the book was touted as containing embarrassing material, Miller noted that “being embarrassed and being incriminated are two different concepts. There can be material that is embarrassing, but not incriminating.”

Miller said he “would not automatically say no” if one of his own clients announced plans to write a book, adding that the upsides could include improving Blagojevich’s image and raising money he might need for his defense.

Aside from the “six-figure”

description, the terms of Blagojevich’s book deal were not disclosed. But the former governor is facing the prospect of an expensive criminal trial after losing his \$177,000-a-year job. His wife also recently was fired from a \$100,000-a-year job.

Selig said Blagojevich chose Phoenix Books, run by Beverly Hills, Calif.-based independent publisher Michael Viner. Viner’s previous releases include a memoir by disgraced New York Times reporter Jayson Blair; a tell-all by four Hollywood call girls; and a book by Armin Meiwes, the German man who admitted killing and eating an acquaintance.

Spokespeople for Gov. Pat Quinn, federal prosecutors and Burris declined to comment on the book Monday. Burris has come under fire after revealing he had more contact with Blagojevich allies than he originally told lawmakers and that he tried to raise money for the then-governor.

Steve Brown, spokesman for Blagojevich’s chief nemesis in the Legislature, Democratic House Speaker Michael Madigan, was dismissive of the book deal.

“I think giving the guy more attention just causes his mental health problems to flourish,” Brown said.

Selig said in the release that there were “some people in high places” who tried to prevent the book deal. But he did not elaborate and his office said Monday he would not discuss the contention further.

## ACCURACY WATCH

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SIDE LINES

HOME GAMES  
THIS WEEK

Women's  
basketball — Thursday,  
March 5 vs. Eastern Washing-  
ton, 7 p.m. at Dahlberg Arena

Men's basketball — Saturday,  
March 7, Big Sky Conference  
quarterfinal vs. Montana State,  
7 p.m. at Dalhberg Arena

SPORTS BRIEFS

Track and field: Montana  
landed 10 track athletes on the  
Big Sky All-Conference team.  
Amber Aikins, Brooke Andrus,  
Kara DeWalt, Katrina Drennen  
and Shannon Sullivan made  
the women's team while Mac  
Bloom, Dennis Brands, Sean  
Clark, Kyle Danreuther and Jes-  
se Loether made the men's team.

Lacrosse: Montana's club la-  
crosse team (4-1) earned a 19-7  
conference over Portland State  
on Saturday. Attackman Sam  
Cameron and midfielder Tucker  
Sargent both tallied five goals  
and two assists each.

STANDINGS

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

School	Conf.	Total
Montana*	13-1	24-4
Portland State*	13-1	20-7
Montana State*	7-7	13-13
Idaho State*	7-8	10-18
Sac. State	6-9	8-20
N. Colorado	5-9	12-16
E. Washington	5-9	10-17
N. Arizona	5-10	8-20
Weber State	4-11	9-19

\*Clinched spot in Big Sky  
Conference Tournament

MEN'S BASKETBALL

School	Conf.	Total
Weber State*	14-1	20-8
Portland State*	11-5	21-9
Montana*	11-5	17-11
Idaho State*	9-7	12-18
N. Colorado*	8-8	14-17
Montana State*	6-9	12-15
E. Washington	6-10	12-17
N. Arizona	5-11	8-19
Sac. State	1-15	2-27

\*Clinched spot in Big Sky  
Conference Tournament


WOMEN'S TENNIS

School	Conf.	Total
Sac. State	2-0	7-0
N. Colorado	2-0	2-4
Montana	1-0	3-1
Montana State	1-0	3-6
E. Washington	1-1	3-4
N. Arizona	0-1	2-5
Weber State	0-1	1-8
Idaho State	0-1	0-5
Portland State	0-3	2-10

MEN'S TENNIS


School	Conf.	Total
Sac. State	2-0	5-4
Weber State	2-0	5-4
Montana State	1-0	4-3
Portland State	2-2	3-6
E. Washington	1-1	5-4
N. Colorado	1-4	1-8
N. Arizona	0-0	1-8
Montana	1-0	2-1
Idaho State	0-2	0-7

Still Kicking



Kenneth Billington/Montana Kaimin

Sam Eat, instructor of the UM Taekwondo club and a senior studying fine arts, blasts through a focus training target with a jumping side kick Monday night in the Schreiber Gym. Taekwondo is known for its emphasis on kicking techniques, which separates it from other various forms of martial arts.



Griz Notebook:  
Lady Griz brace for Saturday; Golf opens

Roman Stubbs

MONTANA KAIMIN

Saturday night showdown  
looming

In the final, and most antici-  
pated game of the season, the Mon-  
tana Lady Griz will play host to  
Portland State Saturday afternoon  
in what could be for the regular  
season championship between the  
conference's two titans. Should  
Montana beat Eastern Washington  
and Portland State get by confer-  
ence-third-best Montana State on  
Thursday night, the showdown  
would be set Saturday. Portland  
State (20-7, 13-1 Big Sky) upend-  
ed Montana (24-4, 13-1 Big Sky)  
last month by 10 in Portland, to  
take sole possession of first place.  
But the Vikings lost two days later  
to dangerous Bobcats, and the Griz  
have stayed hot ever since, win-  
ning seven straight games. While  
both teams have secured first-  
round byes in the league tourna-  
ment, Saturday's winner will host  
the bracket, should both teams es-  
cape Thursday's games unscathed.

Men's tennis wins two of  
three, women's tennis drops  
three straight on road

The Montana men's tennis  
team opened spring play last  
weekend, posting a 6-1 loss to  
Portland on Saturday before re-  
bounding with a Big Sky Confer-  
ence 6-1 win over Portland State

and a 6-1 non-conference win  
over Whitman.

Sophomore David Cysnei-  
ros claimed Montana's only  
point against Portland at the  
No. 6 position. In Montana's  
win over Portland State, junior  
Mikolaj Borkowski defeated  
Alex Vanderschelden 3-6, 7-5,  
6-2 at the No. 2 singles posi-  
tion. Senior Felipe Raw got a  
2-6, 6-3, 6-4 win at the No. 3  
spot over Portland State's Kyle  
Erickson.

The men next face Eastern  
Washington, Lewis-Clark State  
and Idaho on the road March  
13-15.

The Montana women's ten-  
nis team lost a pair of heart-  
breakers en route to an 0-3 re-  
cord this weekend on a road trip  
through Washington and Idaho.

Montana fell 4-3 to both  
Eastern Washington and Gon-  
zaga on Friday and Saturday,  
respectively, and then were  
swept by Idaho 7-0 on Sun-  
day in Lewiston. There were  
some bright spots for the  
Grizzlies (3-4, 1-1 Big Sky),  
who have seven returnees  
from last year's squad. Senior  
Liz Walker swept straight sets  
against Eastern Washington's  
number one Marie Demerath,  
6-3, 6-4. Sophomore Rebec-  
ca Bran won the number two  
match against Rachel Berg-  
er, 4-6, 6-3, 6-2, and senior  
Martyna Nowak defeated Cait-

lin Bampton, 7-5, 2-6, 6-4,  
out of the fourth slot for the  
Grizzlies. Montana won the top  
two doubles divisions Saturday  
against Gonzaga. Montana re-  
turns to Idaho and Washington  
for the next set of matches, vis-  
iting Lewis and Clark College  
and Washington State on March  
13-14.

UM golf finishes tenth in Ari-  
zona tournament

In their first appearance since  
October, the Montana golf squad  
placed tenth out of 18 teams this  
weekend at the Northern Arizona  
Red Rocks Invitational in Sedo-  
na. Joanne Steele's team finished  
with a final score of 656. Mon-  
tana, who finished Saturday in  
12th place after shooting round  
of 335, improved to tenth after  
hitting a 321 Sunday morning.

Freshman Ashli Helstrom led  
the Grizzlies with a 160 (84-  
76), finishing in 25th place.  
Three other Grizzlies stayed  
in the top 60, with Kacey Valla  
finishing in 42nd place (163),  
Carissa Simmons tying for 57th  
(166) and Jacqueline Olson tak-  
ing 60th (167). Montana will  
travel for the reminder of the  
season, including trips to Cali-  
fornia, Oregon and Wyoming,  
before the Big Sky Conference  
Tournament in late April.

Montana State in tournament  
first round

Montana's reward for failing to  
clinch the conference tournament  
two seed was unveiled Sunday af-  
ternoon. Wayne Tinkle's club will  
have to play yet another grueling  
rivalry game Saturday night at  
7, when Montana State visits the  
Griz for the first round of the Big  
Sky Tournament. The matchup  
will pair the third-seeded Griz  
(17-11, 11-5 Big Sky) and sixth-  
seeded Bobcats (12-15, 6-9 Big  
Sky), two clubs that lost contests  
at Northern Colorado this week-  
end to seal their playoff destina-  
tions.

The Griz failed to secure  
the second bid and a bye in the  
league tournament when they  
lost 67-57 Thursday night in  
Greeley. A Montana State win  
Sunday would still have given  
the Griz the second seed, but the  
Bears trounced the Bobcats 77-  
50, securing the fifth seed and the  
right to take on Idaho State Sat-  
urday in Pocatello. That win sent  
Portland State the second seed,  
and the Vikings will await their  
semi-final matchup March 10 in  
Ogden, Utah, alongside host and  
top-seeded Weber State. The Vi-  
kings survived a 66-62 overtime  
win over league doormat Eastern  
Washington Saturday, finishing  
the season 11-5 in the Big Sky,  
21-9 overall.

Men's basketball draws

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# UM indoor track teams are swept by Northern Arizona

Tyson Alger  
MONTANA KAIMIN

The University of Montana men’s and women’s indoor track teams finished seventh and eighth respectively this past weekend at the Big Sky Conference Indoor Track and Field Championships held in Flagstaff, Ariz.

Both teams completed the two-day event with 39 team points.

Northern Arizona swept both men’s and women’s meets.

In the men’s division, NAU won in a rout, scoring 184 points, more than doubling second-place finisher Eastern Washington.

The women’s side was closer, with NAU slightly edging out defending champion Sacramento State by eight points, 116.5 to 108.5.

Montana Director of Track and Field Brian Schweyen said that although the Griz didn’t place high, he was proud of how both teams competed.

“I think they were the most prepared and competed the hardest that they’ve done all year,” Schweyen said. “We had a lot of people who set new personal records and people who recorded seasons’ bests.”

Sophomore Katrina Drennen was one of the standout Griz from the meet. Drennen led all of Montana in points, recording 14.5 of the teams 39. After anchoring Montana to first-place finish in the distance medley, Drennen went on to a record a second-place finish in the half-mile, and a fifth-place

showing in the 3,000 meters.

“Katrina competed really well for us,” Schweyen said. “She ran great the whole meet.”

Topping the Griz for the men was junior Chris Hellekson, who earned seven points after his fourth-place finish in the shot put and a seventh-place finish in the weight throw.

Schweyen also noted the performance of Amber Aikins, who placed third in the pentathlon.

“Amber had a very respectable finish,” Schweyen said. “She’s been injured most of the year and has been working hard to get back.”

Although many of the Griz athletes gave career-best performances, Schweyen said that the resulting placing in the meet shows that the program needs to improve.

“It’s obvious that we need more talent,” he said.

Schweyen said that the program needs to ramp up recruiting for next season.

“We’ve been low-talent and we need to get more depth,” he said.

Schweyen also aims to improve the current corps of talent on the roster. “We’re still pretty young,” he said. “With the upcoming outdoor season, I really want to help improve everybody’s confidence levels.”

The outdoor track and field season kicks off for Montana with the Big Green in the Desert Multi-Events March 25-26 in Scottsdale, Arizona.

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# Redskins drop former All-Pro, chooses family over workouts

ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — After a year of “Dancing With the Stars” and struggling with the Washington Redskins, Jason Taylor wanted some family time.

He’s got his wish.

The former NFL defensive player of the year’s disappointing turn in the nation’s capital came to an end Monday when he was cut by the Redskins for refusing to commit to the team’s offseason workout program.

The Redskins wanted to add a workout clause to Taylor’s hefty contract, but the 34-year-old defensive end declined. The clause would have required Taylor to take part in 25 days of offseason workouts.

“He wanted to spend the offseason with his family,” said Taylor’s agent, Gary Wichard. “He just kind of chose family over going up there.”

The flap is reminiscent of last year, when Taylor clashed with the Miami Dolphins for competing in “Dancing With the Stars” rather than working out with the team in the offseason. Taylor finished second to Kristi Yamaguchi on the reality television show, then was shipped by the Dolphins to the

Redskins.

That meant Taylor spent virtually the entire year apart from his wife and children in Florida.

“He had been away for four months in Los Angeles, then he got back to Miami and then he got traded,” Wichard said. “He wanted to spend time with his three kids.”

The six-time Pro Bowl end had been considered a possible salary cap cut in Washington because of the value of his contract, which would have paid him about \$8.5 million this season. The Redskins, however, were willing to give him the full salary if he had agreed to the workout clause.

Instead, Taylor turns out to be another expensive Redskins bust, one who cost the team two draft picks and gave them one ineffective, injury-plagued season.

Taylor was acquired on the first day of training camp after Phillip Daniels went down with a season-ending knee injury. The Redskins gave up a second-round draft pick in 2009 and a sixth-round selection in 2010.

But Taylor, who was healthy for nearly all of his 11 seasons in Miami, sprained his knee during pre-season and then suffered an unusual calf injury during the win over the Arizona Cardinals on Sept. 21.

Taylor required an emergency operation to have blood drained from his calf and had a second procedure about a month later.

The calf injury caused him to miss three games and hampered Taylor for much of the season. Also, he struggled to fit into a Redskins’ defensive scheme that gave him less freedom than he had with the Dolphins.

Taylor, whose 120½ career sacks are the most among active players, had only 3½ for the Redskins, his lowest season total since 1999.

“He played hurt,” coach Jim Zorn said in a statement released by the team, “but still gave his best effort to be prepared and play hard every week.”

The move rules out a chance for the Redskins to field a defensive line that would consist of three renowned sack-masters: Taylor, Andre Carter and Albert Haynesworth, who on Friday signed a seven-year, \$100 million contract with a record-breaking \$41 million in guaranteed money.

With Taylor gone, the Redskins are expected to focus on re-signing defensive ends Daniels and Demetric Evans, who became free agents last week.

# Sri Lankan cricket players wounded

ASSOCIATED PRESS

LAHORE, Pakistan — A dozen masked gunmen armed with rifles and rocket launchers attacked vehicles carrying members of Sri Lanka’s national cricket team in east Pakistan on Tuesday, wounding at least two players and killing five police officers, officials said.

The attack in Lahore came at a time of unrest in both Pakistan and Sri Lanka, both of which are trying to defeat insurgencies. It was unclear who was behind the assault, but it appeared to have been carefully coordinated.

City police chief Haji Habibur Rehman said five policemen died in the shooting and that two

players were wounded. A Pakistan Cricket Board security official had earlier said eight players were wounded.

“It was a terrorist attack and the terrorists used rocket launchers, hand grenades and other weapons,” Rehman said, adding the police were hunting down the attackers who managed to flee. “Our police sacrificed their lives to protect the Sri Lankan team.”

He said one wounded player was hit in the leg while the other received

a bullet in the chest but that the injuries did not appear life threatening.

A Sri Lankan foreign ministry official confirmed that two players — Thilan Samaraweera and Tharanga Paranavitana — were hospitalized. He said three more players were slightly injured and that the head coach, Australian Trevor Bayliss, also sustained minor injuries. The official spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak to the media.

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## BUSH

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Obama has pledged to close the Guantanamo Bay prison within a year. He halted the CIA's intensive interrogation program. And last week, prosecutors moved the terrorism case against U.S. resident Ali Al-Marri, a suspected al-Qaida sleeper agent held in a military brig, to a civilian courthouse.

A criminal prosecutor is wrapping up an investigation of the destruction of the tapes of interrogations.

Monday's acknowledgment of videotape destruction, however, involved a civil lawsuit filed in New York by the American Civil Liberties Union.

"The CIA can now identify the number of videotapes that were destroyed," said the letter submitted in that case by Acting U.S. Attorney Lev Dassin. "Ninety-two videotapes were destroyed."

It is not clear what exactly was

on the recordings. The government's letter cites interrogation videos, but the lawsuit against the Defense Department also seeks records related to treatment of detainees, any deaths of detainees and the CIA's sending of suspects overseas, known as "extraordinary rendition."

At the White House, press secretary Robert Gibbs told reporters he hadn't spoken to the president about the report, but he called the news about the videotapes "sad" and said Obama was committed to ending torture while also protecting American values.

ACLU attorney Amrit Singh said the CIA should be held in contempt of court for holding back the information for so long.

"The large number of videotapes destroyed confirms that the agency engaged in a systematic attempt to hide evidence of its illegal interrogations and to evade the court's order," Singh said.

CIA spokesman George Little said the agency "has certainly cooperated with the Department of Justice investigation. If any-

one thinks it's agency policy to impede the enforcement of American law, they simply don't know the facts."

The details of interrogations of terror suspects, and the existence of tapes documenting those sessions, have become the subject of long fights in a number of different court cases. In the trial of Sept. 11 conspirator Zacarias Moussaoui, prosecutors initially claimed no such recordings existed, then acknowledged after the trial was over that two videotapes and one audiotape had been made.

The Dassin letter, dated March 2 to Judge Alvin Hellerstein, says the CIA is now gathering more details for the lawsuit, including a list of the destroyed records, any secondary accounts that describe the destroyed contents and the identities of those who may have viewed or possessed the recordings before they were destroyed.

But the lawyers also note that some of that information may be classified, such as the names of CIA personnel who viewed the tapes.

The separate criminal investigation includes interrogations of al-Qaida lieutenant Abu Zubaydah and another top al-Qaida leader. Tapes of those interrogations were destroyed, in part, the Bush administration said, to protect the identities of the government questioners at a time the Justice Department was debating whether or not the tactics used during the interrogations were legal.

Former CIA director Michael Hayden acknowledged that waterboarding — simulated drowning — was used on three suspects, including the two whose interrogations were recorded.

John Durham, a senior career prosecutor in Connecticut, is leading the criminal investigation, out of Virginia, and had asked that he be given until the end of February to wrap up his work before requests for information in the civil lawsuit were dealt with.

## Montana's incarceration rates growing quickly

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**BILLINGS** — A new report summarizes how Montana's growing prison population has boosted corrections spending over the last three decades and recommends putting more money into alternative programs.

The report by the Pew Center for the States finds that one in 44 adults in Montana is in the corrections system. That's 2 percent and it ranks Montana 39th among the states. In 1982, by comparison, Montana's figure was an even more meager 1 in 125 adults.

The report says that while Montana's per capita incarceration rate lags most other states', Montana does not escape a nationwide trend of rapidly escalating costs.

Pew managing director Susan Urahn said states should put greater emphasis on probation and parole programs, which last year cost less than \$5 daily per state offender in Montana. That's versus \$84.29 per day for people in state prison.

"In today's fiscal climate, states have a chance to make enduring changes to Department of Corrections policy," Urahn said. "Supervising a low risk offender in the community costs far less than supervising the same offender behind bars."

Some 6,300 people are in prison or jail in Montana, and more than 10,000 are on probation or parole. Those figures include state, federal and local inmates.

Montana Department of Corrections Director Mike Ferriter said he generally agreed with the Pew Center's findings. He said the state has redirected spending in recent years away from prison beds and into community-based services like meth treatment programs.

In 2006, non-prison programs

accounted for about 25 percent the agency's budget. Last year that rose to 33 percent.

Despite that shift, the average length of stay in a state prison continued to climb, from 35 months in 2004 to 46 months last year.

"The thing that really drives prison populations are longer sentences," Ferriter said. "We're always going to have new people commit crimes. Probably the piece we focus on more is how long do we have to keep people in prison."

Ferriter said the economic downturn could soon effectively stretch out the time people spend in the corrections system. For example, it may take offenders longer to find a job — a condition that often must be met prior to their release.

Scott Crichton oversees the Montana Prison Project as executive director of the American Civil Liberties Union of Montana, which has waged a long legal campaign to reform conditions at the state's prisons.

Notwithstanding the group's lawsuits against the state, Crichton said Montana is generally moving in the right direction with how it treats offenders.

The sharpest growth in the prison population — during the 1990s — has since slowed, and Crichton said the newfound emphasis on community programs is working.

"It's not just rhetoric when they say community corrections make sense," he said. "I think they really do understand that and have done their best to expand them so there are some alternatives statewide."

But Crichton added that more funding for mental health and substance abuse problems is needed, both to help people avoid prison and to reduce the recidivism rate among those who are released.

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# Snow storm devastates East Coast

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NEW YORK — A ferocious storm packing freezing rain, heavy snow and furious wind gusts paralyzed most of the East Coast on Monday, sending dozens of cars careening into ditches, grounding hundreds of flights and closing school for millions of kids.

The devastating effects of the storm were seen up and down the coast. A crash caused a 15-mile traffic jam in North Carolina, forcing police and the Red Cross to go car-to-car to check on stranded drivers. The storm was blamed for more than 500 crashes in New Jersey, and a Maryland official counted about 50 cars in the ditch on one stretch of highway.

By Monday, the storm had moved north into New England, and most areas in the storm’s wake expected to see at least 8 to 12 inches of snow. The weather contributed to four deaths on roads in Massachusetts, Rhode Island and on Long Island.

Diane Lugo, of Yonkers, N.Y., got a ride with her husband to avoid walking 10 minutes in the slush to her bus stop. “Getting out of the driveway was pure hell,” Lugo said. “He got to work late. I’m obviously late.”

The South was especially hard hit, dealing with record snowfalls, thick ice and hundreds of thousands of power outages in a region not accustomed to such vicious weather.

In North Carolina, Raleigh got more than 3 inches of snow; the March snowfall for the city has exceeded 3 inches only 11 times in the last 122 years. The Weather Service said parts of Tennessee received the biggest snowfall since 1968.

The 15-mile traffic jam in North Carolina caused no serious problems and authorities were able to get traffic moving again.

Travelers were stranded everywhere, with about 950 flights canceled at the three main airports in the New York area and nearly 300 flights canceled in Philadelphia. Boston’s Logan International Airport had to shut down for about 40 minutes to clear a runway, and hundreds of flights were canceled there.

Philadelphia declared a Code Blue weather emergency, which gives officials the authority to bring homeless people into shelters because the weather poses a threat of serious harm or death.

Dozens of schools across North Carolina, South Carolina, New Hampshire, New Jersey and Maine gave children a snow day. Schools in Philadelphia, Boston and New York City did the same. It was the first time in more than five years that New York City called off classes for its 1.1 million public school students.

Some New York parents complained that the city waited until 5:40 a.m. to call off classes, saying they

didn’t have enough notice. Mayor Michael Bloomberg brushed off the criticism and praised the city’s storm response, which included dispatching 2,000 workers and 1,400 plows to work around the clock to clean New York’s 6,000 miles of streets.

“It’s like plowing from here to Los Angeles and back,” Bloomberg said at a news conference, standing in front of an orange snow plow at a garage. Central Park recorded 7 inches of snow, and more than a foot was reported on parts of Long Island, where high winds caused 2-foot drifts on highways in the Hamptons.

The storm offered a hint of irony in a couple of cities. People had to brave the snow and cold to attend the annual Philadelphia Flower Show, an indoor exhibition that provided a fragrant, spring-like glimpse of yellow daffodils, crimson azaleas and white tulips. In the nation’s capital, hundreds of protesters gathered on Capitol Hill to protest a power plant and global warming during one of the worst storms of the year.

In Fairfax, Va., 8-year-old Sarah Conforti said Monday’s day off was just what she’d been hoping for, and planned to “make a snowman or play in the snow with my friends,” she said.

Her mother, Noelle Conforti, said Sarah and her 10-year-old sister couldn’t be happier about the school-free day. “The kids are against the window, just looking out the window like a cat,” she said. “It’s hilarious.”

# Raul Castro ousts top Cubans loyal to Fidel

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HAVANA — President Raul Castro abruptly ousted some of Cuba’s most powerful officials Monday, remaking the government in the biggest shakeup since he took over from his ailing brother Fidel Castro a year ago.

The changes replaced some key Fidel loyalists, including the longtime foreign minister, with men closer to Raul. They also reduced the enormous powers of a vice president credited with saving Cuba’s economy after the fall of the Soviet Union.

But analysts saw no immediate indication that the changes are related to hopes for closer U.S.-Cuban ties now that both countries have new presidents.

Several ministries were consolidated in response to President Raul Castro’s calls for a “more compact and functional structure” for the often unwieldy communist bureaucracy that oversees nearly all public activity on the island.

The most sweeping leadership shakeup in years was dropped on Cubans almost as an afterthought — at the end of the midday news, following the weather and sports.

The most prominent of those ousted, Foreign Minister Felipe

Perez Roque, was the youngest of Cuba’s top leaders and had been widely mentioned as a possible future president.

Perez Roque, 43, had been Fidel Castro’s personal secretary before becoming foreign minister almost a decade ago, and he delighted in blustery, Fidel-like denunciations of U.S. policy.

“He was someone who was very close to Fidel Castro and built his career working directly for Fidel Castro,” said Phil Peters, a Cuba specialist at the Lexington Institute near Washington.

Perez Roque was replaced by his own deputy, Bruno Rodriguez, who once served as Cuba’s ambassador to the United Nations. Officials announced no new post for Perez Roque.

The surprise shake-up did not sit well with some Cubans, including Carmen Elizondo, 45, a housewife with three children who said she heard the announcement on the news.

“Ay! It left me feeling cold,” Elizondo said. “I don’t understand. Why make these changes, more than anything, Felipe? I had a lot of confidence in Felipe. I don’t know any of those they put in place.”

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But retired worker Marta Jimenez, 65, was more optimistic.

"People here are not used to change," she said. "But I think this was necessary and will be for the better. It's a restructuring of the country, and I see that as good."

Peters said it was too early to say whether the changes could affect relations with the new administration of President Barack Obama, whose proposals for easing U.S. restrictions on Cuba have created hopes for the resumption of negotiations between the two countries on ending decades of hostilities.

"There is nothing that indicates it's a reaction to anything in the United States," Peters said, noting that Raul Castro has long spoken of streamlining Cuba's government.

The changes also seemed to cast further doubt on who could one day succeed Raul Castro. Cuba's current No. 2, Jose Ramon Machado Ventura, is a year older than the current president — and no heir apparent was clear from Monday's list of new leaders.

Vice President Carlos Lage, 57, apparently kept his job as vice president of the Council of State — a ruling body more powerful than the Cabinet. But he was replaced as Cabinet Secretary by Gen. Jose Amado Ricardo Guerra, who had been a top official in the military that Raul Castro ran for decades.

Lage, a former Communist youth leader, was credited with helping save Cuba's economy by designing modest economic reforms after the Soviet Union collapsed. Peters said there was no sign Lage's economic role

was being reduced.

Another former youth leader, Otto Rivero Torres, was removed as Cabinet vice president. Rivero Torres had already been dropped from the Council of State last year when Raul Castro became president.

His replacement is hardliner Ramiro Valdez Menendez, who fought alongside Fidel, Raul and Ernesto "Che" Guevara in the revolution that toppled the dictatorship of Fulgencio Batista in 1959.

Longtime Economy Minister Jose Luis Rodriguez was replaced by Internal Commerce Minister Marino Murillo Jorge; Finance Minister Georgina Barreiro Fajardo was replaced by Lina Pedraza Rodriguez of the Communist Party's secretariat; and Labor Minister Alfredo Morales Cartaya was replaced by Vice Minister Margarita Marlene Gonzalez Fernandez.

Jose Miguel Miyar Barruecos, a close Fidel Castro confidant, was removed as secretary of the Council of State but was given the vacant post of science and environment minister.

Replacing him as secretary of the governing council is Homero Acosta Alvarez, who worked closely with Raul Castro during the younger Castro brother's decades as Cuba's defense minister.

Vicki Huddleston, America's top diplomat in Cuba from 1999-2001, said the changes raise questions about how much influence Fidel Castro retains. The 82-year-old former president remains head of the Communist Party and often writes newspaper articles on foreign affairs.

"This would seem to indicate this is a consolidation of Raul, which then makes you think, 'What about Fidel?'" she said.

## Tax trial opens for 'Dancing with the Stars' champ Castroneves

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MIAMI — On top of the world a few months ago, Brazilian race car driver and "Dancing with the Stars" champ Helio Castroneves faces possible prison time if convicted at a tax evasion trial that began Monday with selection of a jury.

An ethnically diverse panel of five men and seven women was chosen to hear the case, with attorneys' opening statements set for Tuesday.

Castroneves, a two-time winner of the Indianapolis 500, smiled broadly as he entered Miami's downtown federal courthouse. Prosecutors say Castroneves, his business-manager sister Katiucia and Michigan attorney Alan R. Miller conspired to hide about \$5.5 million in income from the Internal Revenue Service using offshore accounts.

Castroneves claims he relied on experts to advise him on handling finances. He also says his father controlled a Panamanian entity called Seven Promotions at the heart of the prosecution's case.

Castroneves claims the money Seven Promotions received wasn't his tax liability because the income was for his father, who had financed and promoted his son's career for over 10 years.

Castroneves, his sister and Miller also deny acting "willfully" to evade taxes and that they took improper deductions.

Under federal sentencing guidelines, Castroneves, 33,

could get more than six years in prison if convicted of conspiracy and tax evasion from 1999 to 2004. That would short-circuit a brilliant racing career that began in Sao Paulo, Brazil, where a youthful Castroneves broke into the sport by driving go-carts.

Before the trial, U.S. District Judge Donald Graham rejected defense efforts to introduce a large amount of racing memorabilia and numerous photos of Castroneves' rise from obscurity to the pinnacle of his sport.

"It seems to me that many of these exhibits are far afield of the issues in this case," Graham said.

During questioning of prospective jurors, many said they had watched Castroneves either in a race or on the TV dance competition, which he won in 2007.

"I watched him every week on 'Dancing With The Stars' and you feel like you know the person," a female member of the jury pool said. Asked by prosecutor Matt Axelrod if that would impact her ability to be impartial, the woman answered, "Probably."

A male prospective juror said he had called in to vote for Castroneves 12 times on the TV show. "I was a huge fan of his," the man said. Neither of the two were seated on the jury.

Defense questions focused mainly on whether jurors relied on professional expertise to file their taxes and whether

they expected to pay the least amount possible under the law.

The trial is expected to take up to six weeks, and Castroneves has already been temporarily replaced on Team Penske by Australian driver Will Power for the Indy Racing League season that starts April 5 in St. Petersburg.

Two other prominent Latin American drivers — Brazilian Tony Kanaan and Colombian Juan Pablo Montoya — may testify on Castroneves' behalf, along with Miami philanthropist Adrienne Arsht.

Miller, a former professional football player turned attorney, has former Buffalo Bills quarterback and ex-U.S. House member Jack Kemp and racing mogul Roger Penske on his witness list.

The defense legal team also sports some big names: Miller is represented by Robert Bennett, who was President Bill Clinton's lawyer in the Paula Jones sexual harassment case; Roy Black, who represented radio host Rush Limbaugh in his prescription drug misuse case is there on behalf of Castroneves.

Castroneves, who lives in Coral Gables, won the Indy 500 in 2001 and 2002, then rocketed to even greater fame in 2007 by winning the television show dancing competition with partner Julianne Hough. Castroneves and his co-defendants were indicted Oct. 2.

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# Mom recalled to Army, discharged for family

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RALEIGH, N.C. — The North Carolina mother who reported for Army duty with her two young children will be discharged from the military, her attorney said Monday.

Attorney Mark Waple of Fayetteville said it wasn't yet clear if Lisa Pagan would receive an honorable discharge or a general discharge under honorable conditions. It also wasn't certain when she would be discharged.

The reason for the discharge will be that she doesn't have, and cannot have, an adequate family care for her two young children, he said.

"There is definitely some feeling of relief, especially since she has been led to believe that the command at Fort Benning is going to do everything to expedite this so she can return to Charlotte, N.C., with her children," Waple said of Pagan's reaction to the decision.

She has received no time line "except they are trying to process it as quickly as possible," he said.

He advised Pagan against talking to reporters until after the discharge is official.

Fort Benning spokesman Bob Purtiman could not confirm Monday whether Pagan's commanders were discharging her. He said she was being issued a uniform, undergoing medical and dental screenings and filling out paperwork like any other soldier.

"As far as her disposition, right now the case is being reviewed by the chain of command," Purtiman said. "Specific actions the chain of command are considering will not be discussed because that would violate her privacy rights."

Pagan was recalled to the Army four years after being re-

leased from active duty, which is allowed under the military's "individual ready reserve" program. But she says she had no one to care for her children.

Soldiers can appeal, and some have won permission to remain in civilian life. Pagan filed several appeals, arguing that because her husband travels for business, no one else can take care of her kids. Her appeals were rejected.

So she reported for duty Monday at Fort Benning, Ga., with her children, 4-year-old Elizabeth and 3-year-old Eric.

Earlier Monday, Fort Benning spokesman Bob Purtiman said Pagan reported to the Army post's mobilization center that prepares individual soldiers to plug into Army units already overseas or those training to deploy. He did not know how long she was scheduled to stay at Fort Benning.

He said Fort Benning has day care services available for Pagan's children while she's there.

Pagan is among thousands of former service members recalled after leaving duty since the Sept. 11 attacks because they're on "individual ready reserve" status, meaning they have time left on their original enlistment contracts and can be recalled at any time.

Master Sgt. Keith O'Donnell, an Army spokesman in St. Louis, has said that of the 25,000 individual ready reserve troops recalled since September 2001, more than 7,500 have been granted deferments or exemptions.

About 1,000 have failed to report, and most of those cases are still under investigation, he said. Another 360 soldiers have been separated from the Army either through "other than honorable" discharges or general discharges.

# Tibetan monks protest in China

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BEIJING — Defiant Buddhist monks banned from marking a key Tibetan New Year prayer festival marched in protest in China's southwest, rights groups said. It was the latest resistance to Chinese rule ahead of sensitive anniversaries in Tibet.

Tensions are high over harsh security measures set up before the new year, which began Feb. 25. The Monlam prayer festival started on Saturday and ends on March 11.

The usually merry atmosphere has been largely subdued since the Dalai Lama, Tibet's spiritual leader, said celebrations would be "inappropriate" after deadly anti-government riots in Tibet's capital, Lhasa, last March led to a crackdown on protesters in Lhasa and Tibetan communities throughout the region.

Also approaching is the March 10 anniversary of the 1959 Tibetan uprising that sent the Dalai Lama into exile.

Many Tibetans reportedly have heeded the call to boycott this year's festivities.

The latest protest began Sunday morning — the second day of Monlam — when Chinese officials stopped the monks at the Sey monastery in Sichuan province as they gathered to pray, the International Campaign for Tibet said, citing unidentified sources. The monks left the prayer hall and started walking toward the main town, shouting to be allowed to pray, ICT said.

A few minutes later, armed security officials arrived and the monks returned to their lamasery, the Washington D.C.-based rights group said in an e-mail statement.

ICT's sources said about 600 monks were involved in the latest protest, while another rights group, Students for a Free Tibet, said 50 monks took part.

"They are now surrounded by armed police personnel and are likely to be under lock-down after the protest," ICT said.

An official surnamed Nong at the Communist Party's propaganda office in Aba county said Monday that "no such thing happened." Another official at the party's propaganda office in Aba prefecture, which

oversees the area, said he had not heard about the incident.

Several Aba residents and hotel clerks who answered calls said they had not seen anything.

Information on politically sensitive topics like Tibet is difficult to obtain from authorities and ordinary citizens, who often fear official retaliation if they talk. The region is sealed off to journalists and foreigners for the new year period, and the presence of paramilitary police has noticeably increased in Tibetan communities in western China in recent days.

Tibet's self-proclaimed government-in-exile in Dharmasala, India, confirmed that the protest occurred but said no details were available.

"It's sad," said spokesman Thupten Samphel. "These actions show the religious intolerance shown by the Chinese authorities."

Last week, a monk from the nearby Kirti monastery in Aba reportedly was shot after setting himself on fire to protest the prayer ban and restrictions on religion. It was not immediately clear who shot him. Chinese authorities on Monday denied that police had been involved in the shooting, the official Xinhua News Agency reported.

Rights groups said telecommunications — both landline and cell phone signals — have been disrupted in the area since before the Tibetan new year began.

"We have definitely noticed communications comes and goes. The lines are cut when something happens, but it's not forever. It comes and goes based on the sensitivity at the time," said Lhadon Tethong, executive director of the New York-based Students for a Free Tibet.

China banned the Monlam prayer festival during the 1966-1976 Cultural Revolution, when most religious practices were outlawed. The weeklong ceremony, also known as the Great Prayer Festival, was prohibited again in 1990, the year after Beijing launched a crackdown on anti-government protests in Tibet.

Despite the tensions, China insists Tibet has benefited from its rule. On Monday, the Cabinet released a government paper that said Beijing's defeat of the 1959 pro-independence uprising

brought much-needed political reform 120.3m.

"Without the democratic reform, there would have been no emancipation of the laborers constituting 95 percent of the Tibetan population, no frog-leaping social progress and human rights development ... and no happy life for all the ethnic groups in Tibet today."

The paper also contained oft-repeated accusations that the unspecified foreign groups were manipulating the Tibet issue as a means of attacking China.

"It is thus clear that the so-called 'Tibet issue' is by no means an ethnic, religious and human rights issue; rather, it is the Western anti-China forces' attempt to restrain, split, and demonize China," the paper said.

At an exhibition in Beijing marking the 50th anniversary of the event, photos and documents described how the Chinese leadership and soldiers had helped the Tibetans.

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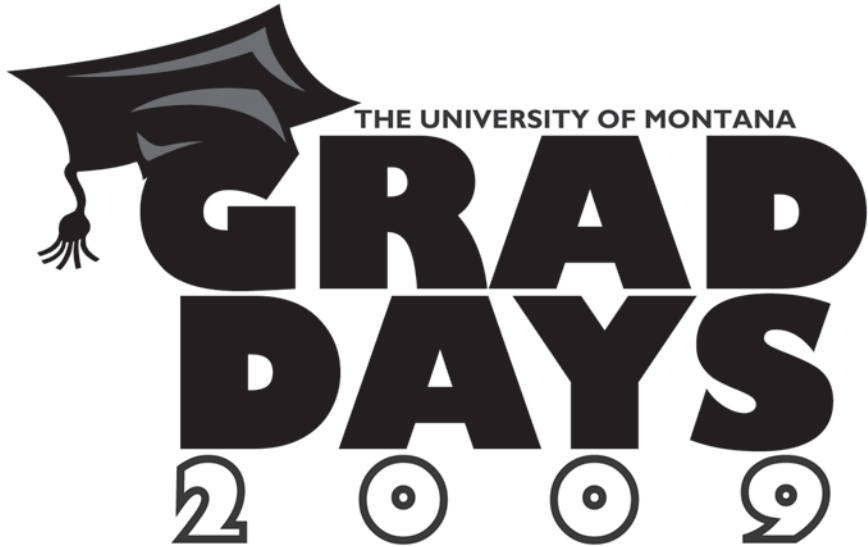
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cided to pursue her law degree, but Mazurek said that, even as an undergraduate, she involved herself in as much community outreach as she could while maintaining a busy schedule.

During her undergraduate years, Mazurek also competed with the UM speech and debate team and joined the law school's negotiation team, which placed second in the regional competition last year.

Until this semester, Mazurek also worked for the Montana Legal Services Association, offering legal advice to residents dealing mainly with landlord-tenant issues.

"That's given me a world of beneficial experience," Mazurek said.

Mazurek said that she decided to run for the student regent position on Jan. 21, inspired by the speech Obama gave during his inauguration.

"I heard Obama's call for engaging your community and giving back," Mazurek said. "Leave Montana better than you found it."

Although Mazurek said that her law degree is keeping her busy, she is ready to work as a regent and represent the students.

"I think the student regent has to hit the ground running," Mazurek said.

The selection process works like the NCAA finals bracket.

Now that ASUM has nominated her, she will join the other nominated students from other Montana universities in a round of interviews conducted by the Montana Associated Students.

If MAS nominates her, she will go on to one more round of interviews conducted by the Montana governor's office, after which the governor appoints his choice.

Although Mazurek knows the process will be a difficult one, she said she feels ready for it because both her undergraduate and graduate educations have supplied her with valuable communication skills.

"The job means being able to interpret statutes and policies and communicate effectively and articulately," Mazurek said. "Making sure I'm in really good communication with the senators and presidents from the schools is important," Mazurek said.

Mazurek said that since the student regent position only lasts for a year, she will have to accomplish many of her goals in a short period of time. In particular, she will focus on ensuring tuition does not climb.

Although the financial issue is a particularly difficult one to tackle, especially during the economic recession, Mazurek said that if the governor ultimately appoints her, she will get to work right away.

"My nature is to jump in with both feet and start working," Mazurek said.

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# Married Mass. gays sue US for withheld federal benefits

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BOSTON — Mary Ritchie, a Massachusetts State Police trooper, has been married for almost five years and has two children. But when she files her federal income tax return, she's not allowed to check the "married filing jointly" box.

That's because Ritchie and her spouse, Kathleen Bush, are a gay couple, and the federal Defense of Marriage Act makes them ineligible to file joint tax returns.

Now Ritchie, Bush and more than a dozen others are suing the federal government, claiming the act discriminates against gay couples and is unconstitutional because it denies them access to federal benefits that other married couples receive, such as pensions and health insurance. Plaintiffs also include Dean Hara, the widower of former U.S. Rep. Gerry Studds, the first openly gay member of the House of Representatives.

In Ritchie's case, she and her spouse say they have paid nearly \$15,000 more in taxes than they would have if they had been able to file joint returns.

"It saddens us because we love our country," Ritchie said. "We are taxpayers. We live just like anyone else in our community. We do everything just like every other family, like every other

married couple, and we are treated like less than that."

The lawsuit was being filed Tuesday in federal court in Boston by Gay & Lesbian Advocates & Defenders, the anti-discrimination group that brought a successful legal challenge leading to Massachusetts becoming the first state in the nation to legalize gay marriage in 2004.

Only Massachusetts and Connecticut allow gay marriage. Vermont, Connecticut, New Jersey and New Hampshire allow civil unions.

Californians voted in November to overturn a court ruling that allowed gay marriage, but the state still offers domestic partnerships that guarantee the same rights as marriage. Hawaii is considering a bill that will allow same-sex civil unions.

The Defense of Marriage Act, or DOMA, was enacted by Congress in 1996 when it appeared Hawaii would soon legalize same-sex marriage and opponents worried that other states would be forced to recognize such marriages. The new lawsuit challenges only the portion of the law that prevents the federal government from affording Social Security and other benefits to same-sex couples.

President Barack Obama has pledged to work to repeal DOMA and reverse the Department of Defense policy that prevents

openly gay people from serving in the military.

Mary Bonauto, GLAD's Civil Rights Project director, said the lawsuit is the first major challenge to the section of the law that denies same-sex couples access to more than 1,000 federal programs and legal protections in which marriage is a factor.

All the plaintiffs are from Massachusetts and have marriages that are recognized by the state. They include a U.S. Postal Service employee who wasn't allowed to add her spouse to her health insurance plan; a Social Security Administration retiree who was denied health insurance for his spouse; three widowers who were denied death benefits for funeral expenses; and a man who has been denied a passport bearing his married name.

"This law is an absolute intrusion into an area that states have governed for centuries — marriage," Bonauto said.

In Hara's case, he was denied any portion of Studds' \$114,000 pension after the Democratic congressman died in 2006. The two married in 2004 after being together for 14 years.

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